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Applicant: STOUGHTON *et al.*

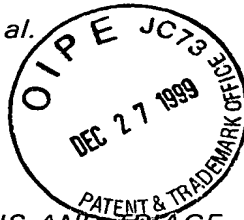
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For: *METHODS OF DIAGNOSIS AND TRIAGE  
USING CELL ACTIVATION MEASURES*

Art Unit: 1651

Examiner Witz, J.



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ELECTION AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Requirement for Election, mailed June 24, 1999, applicant elects, Group III, claims 19-24, directed to methods of treating or preventing disorders mediated by inappropriate cellular activation by administering an a protease inhibitor.

Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please add claim 40 as follows:

—40. The method of claim 34, wherein the protease inhibitor is 6-amidino-2-naphthyl p-guanidinobenzoate dimethanesulfonate or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt, acid, ester and other derivatives thereof.—

REMARKS

A check for a five month extension of time and a Small Entity Statment accompany this response. Any fees that may be due in connection with filing this paper or with this application may be charged to Deposit Account No. 08-1641. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.

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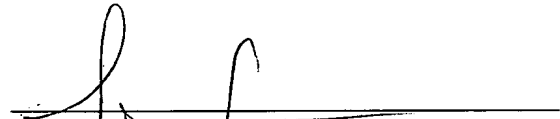
Claims 1-36 and 38-40 are presently pending in this application. Claim 40 is added herein, and, is directed to subject matter in cancelled claim 37. Hence basis for claim 40, is original claim 37 and also original claims 18 and 32.

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In view of the above, examination of the application are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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